

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5th, 1890.

O. C. Bosbysshell, Esq.,

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Penna.

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